

STANCHFIELD DEATH HITS STILLMAN SUIT

Resumption of Hearings, Set
for Tuesday, Delayed a Day
on Account of Funeral.

POTTER ASSAILS NICOLL

Father of Banker's Wife Calls
Lawyer's Charge in Open
Court an Outrage.

Hearings in the James A. Stillman divorce suit, which were to have been resumed Tuesday at Poughkeepsie, will be delayed until the following day because of the death of John B. Stanchfield, who was associated in the defense of Mrs. Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman. The funeral of Mr. Stanchfield is to be held on Tuesday, and it was for that reason the adjournment was agreed upon.

Mrs. Stillman retained Mr. Stanchfield and his partner, Louis Levy, last December at the suggestion of Mrs. Joseph A. Blake, formerly Mrs. Clarence Mackay. Up to that time Mrs. Stillman had filed only a flat denial of her husband's allegations, and it was soon after the entrance of Mr. Stanchfield into the suit that the evidence was uncovered upon which the banker's wife named Mrs. Florence H. Leeds, "Clara," the masseur, and "Helen," the alleged "woman of society," in her affirmative defense.

It was to Mr. Stanchfield that Mr. Stillman, through John A. Garver, the lawyer, made overtures for a settlement of the suit about a month ago. When these negotiations failed Mr. Stanchfield, principally because of ill-health, assumed a more inconspicuous part in the proceedings. There were rumors at the time that there had been a disagreement between Mr. Stanchfield and Mrs. Stillman, but this was denied.

No Change in Defence Plans.

The death of Mr. Stanchfield will in no way affect the defence of Mrs. Stillman. All of the evidence Mr. Stanchfield's firm has accumulated in Canada to refute the testimony of Mr. Stillman's witnesses from there is in the hands of Abel L. Smith, who has been and will continue to be associated with John F. Brennan of Yonkers, chief counsel for Mrs. Stillman, in the defense.

Mr. Smith was out of the city when he learned of the death of Mr. Stanchfield. He got in touch with John E. Mack, guardian for Guy Stillman, and Daniel J. Gleason, referee, at Poughkeepsie and with Outerbridge Horsey of Nicoll, Anshie, Fuller & Sullivan, with the result that the adjournment of the hearing was arranged.

The ire of James Brown Potter, father of Mrs. Stillman, is aroused particularly by the remarks of De Lancey Nicoll, his son-in-law's attorney, on the occasion of the argument on the motion for alimony and counsel fees before Justice Morschauser at White Plains March 23. Mr. Nicoll on that occasion said Mr. Stillman charged his wife "look as her lover an Indian guide and had by him an infant."

"It would appear," Mr. Potter said, "that Mr. Stillman's lawyers and himself are concentrating their unmanly and ungentlemanly attack on an innocent baby and an assuredly neglected wife. The outrageous declaration of Mr. Nicoll before Justice Morschauser in open court is in complete discord with Mr. Stillman's position with reference to baby Guy from the birth of the infant in New York city in November, 1918, to March 23, when Mr. Nicoll made the statement."

Calls Attack an Outrage.

"I characterize Mr. Nicoll's attack as outrageous, because real men and true gentlemen do not attack women and children under any circumstances but always strive to defend them, and because Stillman's constituted a family which good citizenship should defend and not seek to destroy."

"That my daughter was much alone—too much alone for marital happiness—I know, but I know that outside attractions in New York were wrecking the family until it was revealed in a letter my daughter sent to me last May."

Mr. Potter declares a sham the assertion of Mr. Nicoll that his client had started the suit through "a sense of duty

to the memory of his father, to his family and to his children."

"This," he said, "has not the right ring, because for the honor of all of those mentioned such accusations should not, to their dishonor, have been publicly made, and conspicuously so by Mr. Stillman and his attorneys."

Asked regarding reports that Mrs. Florence Leeds had been traced to a suburb near Albany, attorneys for Mrs. Stillman, at Yonkers, last night, said that the whereabouts of Mrs. Leeds did not interest them.

"If Mrs. Leeds were walking through Yonkers on the way to Poughkeepsie right now," one of them said, "we would not subpoena her. We have no further interest in Mrs. Leeds."

Charles J. Wallace of Mrs. Stillman's counsel, was expected to return last night from Montreal. John F. Brennan left for a week end vacation at Long Branch.

No further amendments are to be made to Mrs. Stillman's answer, it was said, and no further contentions will be held before the opening of counsel prior to the resumption of hearings.

PICKFORD-MOORE DIVORCE UPHELD

Proceedings to Set Aside De-
creed Quashed in Nevada
Court.

RENO, Nev., June 25.—The effort of the State Attorney-General to have the divorce decree of Mary Pickford from Owen Moore set aside failed at Minden this afternoon when District Judge Langan granted a motion to quash the summons in the Attorney-General's proceedings.

The court held that while it was true the State was a party to all divorces, as contended by the Attorney-General, yet the State was represented by the trial judge and not by the Attorney-General. As the decree had been accepted by both plaintiff and defendant, the Judge decided, the State was estopped from proceedings to set aside the decree.

Many of the members of the bar from western Nevada were present at the Minden court this afternoon when the decision was rendered.

Mary Pickford, whose divorce from Owen Moore was attacked by Leonard E. Fowler, Attorney-General of Nevada, won her decree here March 20, 1920, by District Judge Frank P. Langan, and in a short time married Douglas Fairbanks in Los Angeles.

Testifying at the divorce trial, Miss Pickford said she had come to Nevada February 15, 1920, for the benefit of her health. She charged Moore with desertion and cruelty. Moore was not present at the hearing and did not contest, although on the day before he was served with the summons in Douglas county, in which Minden is located. Miss Pickford testified that she did not know Moore was in Nevada at the time. Following the divorce both left the State.

Nearly one month later on April 16, after Miss Pickford and Fairbanks were married, the Attorney-General filed an action here asking that the decree be set aside "in the interests of the State of Nevada."

He charged Moore and Miss Pickford with "fraud and collusion," declared Judge Langan had no jurisdiction in the case, as both principals were residents of Los Angeles, said the decree was "colorable," said that the two principals held the Nevada court "in utter contempt" and charged that the marriage of Miss Pickford and Fairbanks was part of a "fraudulent plan concocted by the defendants." Moore, he charged, came to Douglas county solely to submit to personal service of the divorce summons. The Attorney-General's action was predicated, he declared, on the principle that the State "reserves interest in all divorce cases."

Attorneys for Miss Pickford answered the Attorney-General's charges and asked that his suit be set aside. They asserted that the Attorney-General had no authority under Nevada laws to bring his action, and declared that if the principle on which the State's suit was predicated was sustained, the Attorney-General could review all divorce cases ever granted in Nevada. The defense counsel said that no case could be found as precedent for Fowler's action. The right to review, which the Attorney-General said he held, was attacked. The State, it was claimed, was represented at the trial by the court, and the court's action in granting the decree was final. They held that the divorce was legal in every way, that the residence requirement had been lived up to, and claimed there was no collusion between Miss Pickford and Moore.

TO WED DAUGHTER OF HIS DEAD WIFE

Richmond Hill Widower's Mar-
riage Has Full Approval
of Mother-in-law.

An unusual romance will have its climax at Richmond Hill next Thursday when Miss Isabelle Gordon, 21, will be married to her stepfather, Alexander C. Taylor, 35, in their home at 3504 102d street.

A vow made by the husband and daughter of Mrs. Grace Taylor at her death bed eighteen months ago led to their betrothal, it is said. "Be good to Isabelle and never leave her," was Mrs. Taylor's dying wish.

The wedding will have the full approval of Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, grandmother of the bride and mother-in-law of the bridegroom. Mrs. Wheeler said yesterday she felt sure it was her daughter's real wish that such a marriage take place.

"I know it is an unusual situation," she said, "but they love each other and that is all that is necessary. Mr. Taylor was a good husband to my daughter and I am sure he will be a good husband to Isabelle."

Mrs. Wheeler was consulted some time ago by the couple, she said, and told them at once that she was delighted.

Alexander Taylor and Mrs. Grace Gordon, mother of Isabelle, were married ten years ago when Isabelle was a child of eleven. She did not appear to regard him as a father, neighbors say, calling him by his first name. Shortly after her mother's death Miss Gordon became ill, and Taylor was her constant companion, spending hours at her bedside and reading to her. The romance, it is said, dates from that time.

Miss Gordon, who is pretty, with au-

burn hair and blue eyes, is popular in Richmond Hill and has been active in the Richmond Hill Baptist Church. Taylor is tall, well built and youthful in appearance. He also has been active in the work of the church which both attended.

The cottage in 102d street is connected with Mrs. Wheeler's home by a bridge at the second story, and they are known as the "twin homes." Surrounded by the maples of Forest Park, they have a very attractive appearance.

Miss Elizabeth Harvey will be bridesmaid at the wedding and John O'Brien best man. The Rev. Dr. R. E. Hunt, pastor of the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, will officiate.

NAYLOR HEADS JERSEY PRESS.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., June 25.—The New Jersey Press Association held its annual meeting here to-day and elected officers as follows: President, John W. Naylor, Allentown; Messenger, vice-president, E. A. Bristol, Passaic; Herald, secretary, John W. Clift, Summit; Herald, treasurer, W. B. R. Mason of Bound Brook, N. J.

CONNECTICUT ENDS BIGAMY EVASIONS

Governor Signs Amendment to
Marriage Statute to Re-
move Flaw.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 25.—Connecticut has decided to have no repetition of such cases as that of Herbert T. Andrews, stock broker, of Jersey City, or Shubel K. Silver, New Brunswick, N. J., church treasurer, each of whom is charged with having contracted a bigamous marriage within the bounds of Connecticut.

Gov. Lake to-day repaired the "joker" in the Connecticut marriage laws by

which residents of other States could come into Connecticut and contract a bigamous marriage without danger of prosecution, provided that the multiple marriage was not consummated within the State's borders. This "joker" has been in the statute, by omission, for forty years. Many men, it is believed, have learned of the loop hole, and in years past have taken advantage of it.

The Governor signed an amendment to the marriage laws passed by the recent General Assembly which recognizes the second marriage as bigamous wherever consummated.

The amendment inserts the words "who shall live together" in the section of the act bearing upon persons resident in other States. There has been no flaw in the statute by which residents of Connecticut could evade punishment for bigamy.

Credit for the passage of the act really goes to New Jersey, and it is in the cases of Herbert Thornton Andrews and Shubel K. Silver that it may have its first application. Andrews, who had been living in Jersey City with two wives, was arraigned in Greenwich May 28 last to answer charges of bigamy

and perjury, because of his marriage in that city last January to Miss Esther M. Tait, his stenographer. He took his bride to the home of his first wife, Mrs. Maud Haynes Andrews, at Jersey City, announcing to the first Mrs. Andrews his change of affection. Andrews's bail was fixed at \$1,000 and he was bound over for trial at the next term of Superior Court.

Silver, the former treasurer of the First Reformed Church of New Brunswick, who eloped with Adele Gouin, a Perth Amboy waitress, taking \$5,200 in Liberty bonds owned by the church, married Miss Gouin at Greenwich May 5 last and fled to Fair Haven, Vt., where he was captured. He was sentenced to two to seven years for theft of the bonds and is being sued by his first wife for divorce.

SIXTY-NINTH BACK TO-DAY.

The Sixty-ninth Infantry, having completed its two weeks tour of training, is due to return from Peekskill at noon. The regiment will break camp at 10:30 o'clock, and will ride to the Grand Central Terminal, marching to the armory, at Lexington avenue and Twenty-sixth

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